

****Update #12** State Police Investigating Shots Fired**

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Middletown –Allied police agencies continue to operate on St. Michaels Drive in the Brick Mill Farms Development. The subject continues to remain barricaded inside the residence and is armed with an unknown type firearm.

At 8:22 p.m. Wednesday April 26, 2017, the Explosives Ordinance Disposal Unit (EOD) utilized an explosive breaching charge on the front door. At that time, no entry was made into the residence.

Around 4:00 a.m. this morning, Thursday April 27, 2017, officers once again came under fire from the suspect. Allied agencies explosively breached numerous windows but did not enter the residence.

Multiple Special Operations Response Teams and Conflict Management Teams from allied police agencies continued to make contact with the male subject and attempted to persuade him to surrender.

At 9:17 a.m., the male suspect exited the residence and engaged police. The suspect was then shot by law enforcement. He was pronounced dead at the scene at 9:29 a.m.

A news conference will be held at Delaware State Police Troop 2, Glasgow at 1:30 p.m. this afternoon where more details of this investigation will be discussed.

Residents in the area remain evacuated. The Odessa Fire Company, located at 304 Main Street in Odessa, has opened its facility to temporarily house the evacuated residents of Brick

Mill Farms Development.

Brick Mill Road remains closed between Marl Pit Road and Middletown Odessa Road (SR299).

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